

Application Serial No. 10/006,733
In reply to Office Action of 31 October 2007

Attorney Docket No. 83042

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-9 and 11-18 are currently pending in the application.

Claims 3-9 and 11-17 are allowed. Claims 1-2 and 18 are rejected.

Claims 13 and 16 are amended by this response, and claims 1, 2 and 18 are canceled without prejudice.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-2 and 18 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taylor et al (U.S. 6,292,830).

These rejections are respectfully traversed in view of the remarks that follow.

Applicants have amended claims 13 and 16 to place them in independent form by inserting all limitations from parent claim 1 therein. This is in strict compliance with the Examiner's conditions for allowance.

Concerning the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-2 and 18, Applicant has canceled these claims. Because no rejected claims remain in the application, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the application.

The Examiner is invited to telephone James M. Kasischke, Attorney for Applicants, at 401-832-3653 if such a telephone call would expedite prosecution of the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,
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